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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR
SESSION, STATE OF TEXAS:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of
the State of Texas, I herewith return to you Senate Bill 417
vetoed for the following reasons:

This bill is designed to help truck rate bureaus in a possi-
ble law suit with the United States Justice Department. It
exempts these rate bureaus from antitrust laws of this state,
which I feel in and of itself is bad public policy. This bill
is not designed to help the public. The final jurisdiction in
rate making cases remains in the hands of the Railroad Commission,
with or without this bill, and therefore, in my judgement, this
bill is unnecessary. At a time the federal government is moving
toward deregulation of various transportation industries it makes
little sense to now place into law rate making bureaus that go
against the benefits of competitive enterprise.

For these reasons, I exercise my constitutional right to
disapprove of this legislation and accordingly, I am returning
Senate Bill 417 to the Senate unsigned.

Respectfully,

W. P. Clements, Jr.
Governor